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# Newsletter

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## 6 May 2011



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### Thanks

... To those staff and parents who supported last term's highly successful discos .. and of course thanks to the school council and Hayden Sloper, in particular, who revealed his talents as D.J. at the junior disco.

.. Lisa Verevis for the generous donation of netball equipment.

.. And again, to Alastair Rickey and team for your efforts with last term's trail bike ride.

.. Those who supported last term's Poppy Day

### People of the week

.. those families new to our school this term - welcome on board!

.. those awesome people who find time in their busy schedules to coach or manage our school hockey or netball teams.

.. Rueben and Matthew for holding a door open for an adult this week.

### Overarching virtue 2011

As advised last term, our overarching virtue for 2011 is *Valuing Self and Others*.

If you have not already done so please discuss the material sent home last term with your children and pin to the fridge for future reference. We are convinced of three things ..

.. that the virtues programme provides us with a useful framework for defining and developing relationships within the school - and potentially for you at home.

.. that the virtues programme impacts positively on school tone.

.. that this positive impact is multiplied when parents take the time to support with discussions at home.

So .. please support by ..

.. discussing each virtue (2 per term) with your child

.. tell them how this virtue has impacted positively on your life

.. identify areas where this virtue could be further practised at home

Our supporting Virtue for the next 5 weeks is ..

### .. COMPASSION

Please find support material attached to this newsletter for you to share at home. Let us know where we can help. **GOOD LUCK!**

### Dental Caravan

Some of you will be aware that Northland Health is significantly changing the way it delivers dental health services to children in Northland. From now on schools such as ours will be visited regularly by a diagnostic caravan (able to take X-rays) which will identify areas of concern, inform parents in the event of a concern, and invite parents to take their child to a central "hub" for treatment. Currently the closest hub is in Alexander Street but a hub will be built near Kamo High School in September / October of this year. We are sure these changes will result in better services to families and I am pleased to advise that **we will be hosting the diagnostic caravan this coming Tuesday.**

### **Term Calendar**

We will advise other events as these come to hand.

10 May	Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees
10 May	Dental caravan on site
17 May	Mobile Ear Clinic - Bush Road Medical Centre (8:30-3:30 no appointments necessary)
20 May	School Headlice Inspection
26 May	HPV vaccination - Year 8 girls
27-29 May	20 Hour Famine
31 May	Choir visit to Hurupaki School
3 June	Intermediate Winter Tournament
7 June	Have a go bowls day
14 June	Year 4 to 6 Winter Tournament
14 June	Mobile Ear Clinic - Bush Road (8:30 - 3:30)
22 June	Year 7 and 8 Ten Pin Bowling
29 June	Year 4 - 6 Ten Pin Bowling
1 July	Rippa Rugby Tournament - Middle School
1 July	Portfolios home
5 July	Choir visit Hurupaki School
6 July	Mobile Ear Clinic - Bush Road (8:30 - 3:30)
7 July	Hearing and Vision Assessments
11 July	School Science Fair week
11/12 July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
15 July	Final day of term 2

### **Trail Ride Raffle** - Drawn 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$200 voucher kindly donated by Yamaha Motorcycles Whangarei - Smiley	Winner # 1379
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$100 voucher kindly donated by Coal Miners Daughter Bar & Grill - Te Kani Moore (parent)	Winner #0930
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$40 voucher kindly donated by Farmlands Whangarei - Grace Williams (parent)	Winner #1345
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$20 Carters Building voucher kindly donated by G Murray - R Walker (parent)	Winner #0297

### **Request from Room 9**

Room 9 is doing some mosaic work here at school this term. We have been supplied with tiles to beautify our school. We require 3-4 adult helpers each Friday morning to assist us with this 9-10.30 am. Any adult able to help please contact me at school asap as we'd like to get under way soon. Please contact Kaye Witte if you are able to assist us.

### **Request from Middle Syndicate**

Middle Syndicate is running a rotational afternoon on Friday's from 1.30pm-3pm. I require some parent helpers to assist me with a gymnastic session. 3-4 helpers needed each Friday afternoon starting Week 2. Please see or contact Kaye Witte if you can help out.

### **Headlice Inspection**

If able to help out with inspections scheduled for 20 May please contact Donna Cates here at school. In the meantime parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly and treat where necessary.

### **Hand Towels**

As in earlier years parents are asked to put a hand towel in their child's bag each week which they can use after washing their hands. Some parents also place hand sanitizers in their child's lunchbox for them to use before eating.

### **Annual Meeting**

.. of the Board of Trustees will take place Tuesday 10:00 May - 6:00 pm in the staffroom. Parents welcome.

### **Bible in Schools 2011**

This programme resumes in term 2. Attendance / non-attendance lists will be as per last year **unless parents advise otherwise (if you would like to request a change please phone Mrs Cates next week)**.

Non attending children will be allocated extra work (often in areas of need identified in teacher / parent / student conferences) and will be supervised and assisted with this work.

Parents may opt children either in or out of the Bible in Schools Programme after the first or second session but we would like classes settled by week 3 please. Programmes will be ecumenical in nature and will parallel and reinforce our virtues programme where possible. Thanks to those giving their time to this programme.

### **Maori Liaison Person**

The Board is keen to appoint a Maori liaison person to act as a contact and support person for Maori families and to advise the Board where appropriate. If you would like to discuss your availability / suitability for such a role please give Kevin a call or have a chat to a board member.

### **Matarau School Recipe Book**

Thank you to those who have supplied recipes. We have now started putting the book together but can see we still require a few more recipes. If you have any old family favourites please could you email [faithfull.family@extra.co.nz](mailto:faithfull.family@extra.co.nz) or pop a hard copy in to Helen at the office. Kids are encouraged to be involved too. Who knows we may find NZ's next Master Chef amongst us!

### **Choir .. can you help?**

Please make contact Mrs Williams (Grace) if able to accompany our choir on any of their off-site visits - 31 May, 5 July and 8 August.

### **Bark Gardens**

Shortly we will be spending a bit of time upgrading some of our bark gardens. If you have any miniature shrubs or other suitable plants we would be most grateful if you could drop these in to school.

### **Special Needs Programmes**

Parents of children nominated for placement in term 2 should already have returned consents. Please note that parental support is essential if the benefits from placement are to be fully realised - it is especially important that homework tasks are completed. Mrs Comrie is more than happy to answer any questions and parents are welcome to sit in on sessions.

### **Netball fees**

Please note that netball fees must be paid as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please forward payment to school URGENTLY so that we can pay the Netball Association on your behalf.

### **Bus Children - High Visibility Vests**

Please continue to insist that children have these vests on before they leave home each day.

### **Buses**

Please remember that it is thus absolutely imperative that parents ADVISE US IN ADVANCE OF ANY CHANGES TO USUAL BUS ARRANGEMENTS. This can be by phone, note in the morning, advance email to the school ([admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz)), or by leaving a voice message on a phone which is now dedicated for this purpose and which is checked every day prior to bus departure.

### **Community Notices**

**Toolbox Parenting** - Try out new strategies to help you be a great parent, 3 different ages groups Early Yrs (0-6), Middle Yrs (6-12), Tween/Tee Years (12+). Courses starting 12 May, contact Debbie 4335040 or 0272527077 or email [northlandtbx@parentsinc.org.nz](mailto:northlandtbx@parentsinc.org.nz).

**Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics** - vacancies in all of the following classes; Play Gym for pre- schoolers, Gym Fun for school age boys and girls, (particularly school aged boys on Mondays from 4pm), Competition Gymnastics for boys and girls, and Trampoline, both recreational and competitive. Starts in Term 2. For more information, and to register for a class, please phone Marianne on 09 435 2990 Mon - Thur or e-mail, [wags.gym@extra.co.nz](mailto:wags.gym@extra.co.nz)

Table Tennis Northland - Available for Primary & Intermediate School Students, Tuesday 4.15-5.45 beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft-soled shoes must be worn. Enquiries ph Brent Davies 094027695.

Storytime Character Hunt - Sunday 15 May, 10.30-12.30, Whangarei Central Library, The annual scavenger hunt for favourite storybook characters. Loads of fun for everyone. Don't miss it! All children attending must have an accompanying adult.

Aladdin Pantomime - presented by Kamo High School, 22 May @ 2pm and 23-28 May @ 7pm. Enquiries and Bookings phone 4351688.

School Newsletter .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz)

### Skids After School Programme

Kia Ora, Skids is offering a fun filled after school care programme during 2011. Please register your interest by ringing or txt Kylie on 0278461724.

Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.

Skids offer safe and reliable after school care with a focus on a well

structured, balanced programme offering fun activities to your school for your children, giving parent's and caregiver's peace of mind.



### Supporting our school sports teams

Most of you will know that sideline disputes are becoming a bigger and bigger part of Saturday sport - some such incidents have received wide publicity. Schools throughout the country are mobilising to ensure, where possible, that parental input is positive and constructive. Our parents are fantastic and the support you give is very much appreciated. Adherence to the following basic guidelines tends to mitigate or eliminate most problems ..

.. do not comment on referee decisions (in refraining from this you will have sent an important life's message to our children)

.. support the coaches - they have a difficult job and were the ones who "put their hands up" for the job

.. if you see a need don't stop short at a suggestion .. offer your time and effort to make it happen - in most cases your offers of help will be received with open arms

.. be constructive and positive .. winning is great but sport should also be fun.

We wish you many happy Saturdays on the sideline. Please keep us posted on any special sporting achievements so we can celebrate these through the school newsletter.

### 'School after school" ..

Sometimes the teaching day is not quite long enough for us to get through the material we need to get through, or to extend children as much as we might wish. Starting next week, for a one term trial period, we will be offering after school classes for selected children (focus reading comprehension and grammar) to provide further opportunities to consolidate and grow these children's literacy skills.

**I am extremely proud of staff who have offered to assist with this programme which is additional to their workload and for which they will not be remunerated.** We know that private tuition is expensive and this is our way to offer something "extra" to some of our families as a thank you for your loyalty and support. We will keep you posted on developments.

Parents of children in these programmes are reminded ..

.. that children must bring afternoon tea with them that day (and a drink bottle please)

.. children are to be picked up from school no later than 4:30 PM

**Please note that, if you received an invitation for your child to participate and have not returned this by Monday, their place will be offered to another child.**

### And Finally ..

as our virtues programme is in full swing please don't forget to ..

.. take the time to discuss the attached material with your child(ren) at home

.. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives

.. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.

.. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others

**Compassion is a GREAT virtue to start with!**

### And finally, finally ..

Why couldn't the butterfly go to the dance? Because it was a moth-ball.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### BOBBY CALF FUND RAISER

AFFCO is again running the **Cash for Schools** bobby calf fund raising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO donated more than \$80,000 to local schools as a result of the programme. All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO for the current season (forms available at the school office), and nominate our school for the donation. It doesn't cost you anything, because AFFCO pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments.

# Term 2 Lunch Fundraiser



- Ⓢ These will be available for \$3.00 each.
- Ⓢ Orders to the Office by 9.00am on Monday.
- Ⓢ If any parent would like to help serve please contact the Office.
- Ⓢ We will be trialling these options this term. If you have any other suggestions please give us a call.

## Lunches now available on Monday's (beginning Week 3)

Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with  
grated cheese and a juice

**OR**

Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles and a  
juice

# SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday lunchtime to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

## TERM ORDER FORM – Term 2 2011



Child \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Mince Pie/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Macaroni Cheese/Drink \$4.00

Child \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00  
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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 2 - 10 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

Items @ \$4.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.